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Mr. Donald M. Ford  
Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Geology and Earth Resources  
Public Lands Building  
Olympia, WA 98504

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Subject: Reclamation Plan from Callahan Mining Corporation

Dear Mr. Ford:

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Enclosed is the material pertaining to the reclamation of disturbed areas at the Van Stone Mine which we discussed this morning.

As you can see from the pictures, the old open pit and the abandoned tailings impoundment are the principle areas of concern. What Callahan must do in accordance with a State Waste Discharge Permit, issued by the Department of Ecology, is to stabilize these areas to minimize erosion to the maximum extent practicable.

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I would appreciate your help in the review of Callahan's proposal. Your experience and expertise in the area of surface mining reclamation would provide a far better professional review of these plans than I can offer at this time. If we are to expect Callahan to correct a problem they did not create, the least we can do is to provide guidance to the company in the formulation of a well-planned, yet cost-effective, program.

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If you could possibly return the pictures when you have finished with them, I would greatly appreciate having them back. Thank you very much for your expeditious review and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Division Supervisor  
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Enclosures

cc: Mr. A. E. Swanson/Callahan Mining Corporation

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